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SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE SYMPATHETIC TO TOGO ON TOGOLAND

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1. SPRINKLED THROUGH THE TEXTS OF THE SPEECHES GIVEN BY TOURE DURING HIU FOUR DAY STATE VISIT ARE ALLUSIONS TO THE TOGOLAND QUESTION INDICATING SYMPATHY FOR THE TOGOLESE POSITION. TOGO, HE SAID IN A MAJOR SPEECH AT THE RPT PARTY HEADQUARTERS, HAD BEEN MISTREATED IN THE AFFAIR. QUOTE BETTER TO HAVE REMAINED A GERMAN COLONY UNTIL THE DAY OF LIBERATION THAN TO SEE YOURSELF DIVIDED BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND LIKE A CAKE. UNQUOTE. IN THE SAME SPEECH TOURE ASSERTS THAT "ANY HONEST MAN WHO FEARS GOD RECOGNIZES TOGO IS RIGHT TO SEEK UNITY." IN ANOTHER SPEECH, HE COMPARED TOGO TO NAMIBIA EXCEPT THAT TOGO WAS PARTIALLY FREE AND THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER.

2. NOWHERE IN THE PUBLISHED TEXTS DOES TOURE REFER TO GHANA. NO ALLUSION TO THE TOGOLAND ISSUE APPEARS IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

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3. COMMENT: THESE ALLUSIONS WERE BURIED IN LONG SPEECHES BY TOURE AND GIVEN NO PROMINENCE IN MEDIA TREATMENT IN TOGO. TOURE PROBABLY INTENDED THEM AS A POLITE GESTURE TO HIS HOSTS AND NOT AS TAKING SIDES IN THE SPUTTERING QUARREL BETWEEN TOGO AND GHANA. AFTER HE LEFT TOGO, TOURE TRANSITED GHANA AND HAD AN APPARENTLY CORDIAL MEETING

WITH ACHEAMPONG (REF B).
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